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## Atlantis in VAB, lifted and stacked

◆ **Shuttle Update:** The orbiter Atlantis, on top of its transporter, rolled into the transfer aisle of the Vehicle Assembly Building Wednesday after the rollover from the Orbiter Processing Facility. First motion out of the OPF was at 6:19 a.m. Early this morning, Atlantis was lifted into high bay 1 and mated with the external tank and solid rocket boosters already in place on the mobile launcher platform. The rollover signals the start of the journey to the launch pad for liftoff on mission STS-117, targeted for March 15. The mission is the 21st to the International Space Station.

◆ **NASA Briefing:** NASA will discuss the next space shuttle mission during a day-long series of media briefings from the Johnson Space Center beginning at 9 a.m. Feb. 15. The briefings will be broadcast live on NASA Television and the agency's Internet home page.

The mission will continue construction of the International Space Station, launching a third set of solar arrays, batteries and associated electronics to power the station.

The crew will install and extend the new set of arrays and retract the second half of another set. These tasks continue the solar array work begun during the final two shuttle missions of 2006. The completed International Space Station will have four solar arrays.

The briefings are as follows:

- 9 a.m. -- Space Shuttle and Space Station Program Overview
- 10:30 a.m. -- STS-117 Mission Overview
- 12:30 a.m. -- STS-117 Spacewalk Overview
- 2 p.m. -- STS-117 Crew News Conference

■ **February Health Education Information Table** — Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer in the U.S. In addition to losing weight, exercising and reducing blood pressure, changing eating habits can also greatly reduce cardiovascular risk. This month's topic covers nutrition and change in eating habits to reduce cardiovascular disease risk. The monthly health education table will be set up in the SSPF Cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **today**. A nutrition packet and other cardiovascular information will be distributed.

■ **Meeting Facility To Close Temporarily** — The O&C Mission Briefing Room will be closed from April 1 through June 30 for major facility renovations. The room will be unavailable for any usage during this time. For additional information, please contact Brent Seale at [Brent.L.Seale@nasa.gov](mailto:Brent.L.Seale@nasa.gov).

■ **Apollo District Interpretive Programs In February** — "*Pontoon Boat Cruise, The Backwaters Of Mosquito Lagoon*" on Sundays: Journey with a national park ranger on a

## NASA to hold mission briefings Feb. 15

visit to the colorful places that lend character to this vital estuary. The pontoon boat, *Tortuga del Sol*, is U.S. Coast Guard inspected, and licensed captains and experienced mates are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe park water tour. The two-hour journey cruises from the park's Visitor Center on most Sundays, weather permitting. **Reservations are required and space is limited.** A cost recovery fee of \$20 per person is charged for all passengers. Call 386-428-3384, ext. 10, to reserve space.

"*Lagoon Discovery*" at 11 a.m. on Feb. 18: Be a marine biologist for a day and see what kind of creatures you can catch in the lagoon during this one-hour trip. Bring water, sunscreen and bug spray. Meet at Turtle Mound.

**Please note: All programs are subject to cancellation and/or re-scheduling** due to staff limitations, weather conditions or other factors. Some programs require reservations, a minimum age or a cost-recovery fee. Call 386-428-3384, ext. 10, during operating hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) for information. Visit the Web site at [www.nps.gov/cana](http://www.nps.gov/cana). Entrance fees apply to all interpretive program participants. All programs meet the requirements for the Canaveral National Seashore Junior Ranger program.

■ **Did You Know?** Mardi Gras is Feb. 20.